



Hingham built three new fire stations in 1941. The one in South Hingham was named "Constitution" after an old hand-pumped engine that had been used in Hingham and was in turn named for the ship. The chairman of the firehouse committee asked Frank Vining Smith if he would make a painting of the U.S.S. Constitution to mount over the door of the station, and if so, how much would it cost. Mr. Smith replied, "I think so much of the town of Hingham that I am going to do this painting and donate it to the town."